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PURPOSE: To provide a water and oil repellent capable of forming film which is uniform and tough and high in the adhesiveness to articles treated therewith, consisting of a fluorine-contg. polymer containing specified quantities of specific fluorine-contg. acrylate.

CONSTITUTION: The objective water and oil repellent consisting of a fluorine- contg. polymer containing >=10wt% of a fluorine-contg. acrylate of formula [X is F, Cl or -CFX<SP>1</SP>X<SP>2</SP> (X<SP>1</SP> and X<SP>2</SP> are each H or F); Y is 1∼ 3C alkylene,
CH<SB>2</SB>CH<SB>2</SB>N(R)SO<SB>2</SB>- (R is 1∼ 4C alkyl), or -CH<SB>2</SB>CH(OZ)CH<SB>2</SB>- (Z is H or acetyl); Rf is 3∼ 21C fluoroalkyl or 3∼ 21C fluoroalkyl containing O<SB>1∼ 10</SB> in the carbon chain (but any of the Os are not mutually adjacent)]. Said polymer can be prepared by radical or anionic polymerization.

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1. 発明の名称

招 水 沿 油 剂

2. 特許請求の範囲

1. 式:

CH a - C - X

(式中、X はフッ常原子、塩素原子または
-CPX'X* 基(但し、X' および X* は同一または相異なり水素原子またはフッ素原子である。)、Y は炭素原子数1~3のアルキレン基、-CB,CB,H(R)SO,-基(但し、R は炭素原子数1~4のアルキル基である。)、 H は炭素原子数3~21のフルキル基である。)、 H は炭素原子数3~21のフルオロアルキル基またはアセチル基である。)、 H は炭炭原子数3~21のフルオロアルキル基または炭素原子数3~21のフルオロアルキル基または炭素原子数3~21のフルオロアルキル基または炭素原子数3~21のフルオロアルキル基

で衷わされる合フッ架アクリレートを少なく

とも10 重量名合む含フッ素原合体からなる調水物油剤。

3. 発明の詳細な説明

(産業上の利用分野)

本発明は、合フッ素扱水扱油剤に関する。

(従来の技術)

フルオロアルキルメタアクリレート取合体等の 含フッ素重合体が飛水扱油剤として使用できるこ とは公知である(例えば、特公昭47 - 40467 号公 報参照)。

しかし、従来公知の原水扱油性を有する重合体は、被処理物品に対してもなじみが超くまた脱強 関も小さいため、少し振ったりすると簡単に鋭か れてしまうという問題を有している。

(発明の目的)

本発明者らは、種々の合フッ素アクリレート!!! 合体を作り、その遺脱性、被処理物品に対する設 者性、膜効度等を調べたところ、特定の含フッ衆 アクリレートを構成成分とする重合体がこれら性 質に優れていることを見出し、本発明に進したも のである.

本発明の目的は、均一かつ強靱で被処理物品に 対する接着性が良好な皮膜を形成することができ る合フッ素服水脂油剤を提供することである。 (発明の構成)

本発明は、式:

で表わされる含フッ素アクリレートを少なくとも

- Ph - R ! *

(式中、Phはフェニレン券、Rパは炭素原子数 5~15のパーフルオロアルキル基を示す。) で表わされる基である。

含フッ衆国合体に含フッ素アクリレート(I)以外に含有させることができる単量体としては、例えば式:

(式中、A は水素原子、塩素原子またはメチル 塩、B は皮素原子数1~10のアルキル基、炭 素原子数6~8の脂環式基または炭素原子数 1~10のフルオロアルキル基を示す。)

で表わされる単遺体、式:

(式中、B'は炭素原子数 1 ~10のアルキル基または炭素原子数 6 ~ 8 の胎段式基を示す。) で表わされる単型体、エチレン、プロピレン、スチレンさらにはピニル基、ヒドロキシル基、カル 10変量が含む合ソッ素原合体からなる旧水旧油剤である。

金ファ素頂合体の数平均分子量(ゲルバーミエーションクロマトグラフィーによる)は、1万~400万の範囲、固有拮皮(マ)(溶螺:メタキシレンヘキサフルオライド、メチルエチルケトン、クロロホルム、1.1.1・トリクロロエタン等、温度:35℃)でいうと、0.25~3.0 の範囲が好ましい。分子量が小さすぎると被処理物品より別がれやすく、限強度も小さい。大きすぎると被処理物品に塗布し強くなる。

前記引基は、重合体の療水協油性の上から、好ましくは式:

- ((CF,CP,) .. (0) .) .CF(Rf') CP,

(式中、 は1~5の整数、n は0または1、q は1~5の整数、Rf はフッ素原子またはトリフルオロメチル券を示す。)、式:

- CFO (CF + CFO) + CF(Bf') CF + CF + CF +

(式中、pは0または1~5の整数、Ff'は前記と同じ。)または式:

ボキシル基、グリシジル基、ジアルキルアミノ基 またはトリアルコキシシリル基等の官能基を有す るアクリレートまたはメタアクリレート等のエチ レン性不飽和単量体を挙げることができる。

合フッ素アクリレート(1) の例としては、CH.*
CF-COOCH.*CH.*C.F.*、 CH.**CF-COOCH.*C.F.*、 CH.**
CP-COOCH.*C.F.*。CP(CP.*):、 CH.**CF-COOCH.*-CF(CF.*)
C.*** CH.**CF-COOCH.** CH.** CP-COOCH.*-CF(CF.*)
C.*** CH.**-CF-COOCH.** CH.*-N(CH.*) SO.** C.** P.**、 CH.**
CF-COOCH.** CH.*(OH) CH.** C.** P.**、 CH.**-CC) - COOCH.** CH.*
C.*** CH.**-CC1-COOCH.** CF(CP.*) OC.** P.*、 CH.**-C(CF.*) - COOCH.** CH.**-C(CF.**) - COOCH.** CH.**-C(CF.**) - COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**) - COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.**-C(CF.**-COOCH.**-CH.

単見体(2)の例としては、CH₂-CHCOOCH₃、CH₂
-CHCOOC₁-H₂-M₂、CH₂-CHCOO-R'(但し、R'はシクロヘキシル基である。)、CH₂-C(CH₃)COOCH₃、C
H₃-C(CH₃)COOC₁-N₃-M₃、CH₂-C(CH₃)COOCH₄CH₇C、
F₁-M₂-C(CH₃)COOCH₃ 等を挙げることができる。

単量体(3)の例としては、CII, - CP-COOCII, 、CII; - CF-COOR'(担し、P'は削記と同じ。)、CII; - CF-COOCI, - できる。

含フッポアクリレート(1) を10変量外以上含有する合フッポ重合体、特に前配 X がフッポ原子または塩素原子のアクリレートを含む重合体からなる可膜は、強靭で良好な可能性を有し、彼処理物品に対する接着性がよい。

単量体(2) としてのエチレン、プロピレン、スチレン等の安価な単量体は、含フッ素更合体のコストを下げるのに有効であり、機能上は含フッ素重合体に硬度等を与える効果を有する。単量体(2) としてのエチレン、プロピレン、スチレン等の使用量は、通常90変量が以下である。

含フッ素重合体が官能益を含んでいると、含フ

ともできる。

塊状重合で調製した重合体は、乾燥後溶液にして使用することができる。

溶液型合および塊状重合で使用することができる型合開始刑としては、例えばアゾビスイソブチロニトリル等のアゾ系化合物、ペンゾイルパーオキサイド等のパーオキサイド系化合物等を挙げることができる。

溶液重合および塊状重合では、連貫移動剤として、ラウリルメルカプタン、チオフェノール等の メルカプタン類を使用することができる。

重合温度は、前記いずれの方法でも、30~100 セが好ましい。

溶液更合または塊状更合で調製した合フッ無度合体は、通常協合フッ果度合体をよく溶解することができる溶解溶媒に溶解した後、溶解含フッ素 更合体を折出させない程度の溶解能を有する希釈 溶媒で希釈し、最処理物品に適用する。適用方法 は、通常の卵水原油剤と同様、ディップ、はけ並 り、スプレー法等である。違度は、はけ述り法で ッ素重合体の被処理物品に対する接着性が同上する。また、この官能基を利用して含フッ素重合体を架構することができる。架構方法は、木技術分野で通常採用されている方法を利用することができる(例えば、特公昭47-42880 号公報整照)。含フッ素重合体の官能基の元になる官能基を有するアクリレートまたはメタアクリレートの使用量は、通常30重量分以下である。

本発明の前記含フッ素重合体は、ラジカル重合 (溶液、塊状、乳化等)またはアニオン重合で製 造することができる。

お液重合で使用することができる溶媒の例としては、メタキシレンへキサフルオライド、トリクロロトリフルオロエタン等の塩素系溶媒、所酸エチル、メチルイソブチルケトン、アセトン、トルエン、キシレン等の炭化水素系溶媒等を挙げることができる。溶液重合で调度した重合体は、溶媒から分離・乾燥後改めて溶液にして使用することができる他、連合終了後溶液を単に発釈して使用するこ

は 0.1~30重量%、スプレー法では0.05~ 2 重量 %程度が好ましい。物品に堕布した後は窒温~15 0 でで乾燥する。

溶解溶媒の例としては、メタキンレンへキサフルオライド、トリクロロトリフルオロエタン等のフッ素系溶媒、トリクロロエタン等の塩素系溶媒 等を挙げることができる。希釈溶媒の例としては、テトラクロロエチレン、トリクロロエチレン等の塩素系溶媒、アセトン等のケトン系溶媒、酢酸エチル等のエステル系溶媒、トルエン等の芳香族系溶媒、ルペンタン等の飽和脂肪族系溶媒等を挙げることができる。溶解溶媒を希釈溶媒として使用することもできる。

乳化型合で使用する乳化剤としては、ノニオン 系の化合物が好ましい。カチオン系の乳化剤も使 用可能である。

乳化重合で使用することができる重合開始剤と しては、水溶性の化合物が好ましく、構えばアゾ ピスイソブチロアミジン塩酸塩等のアゾ系化合物、 コハク酸パーオキサイド等のパーオキサイド系化 合物等を挙げることができる。

近合温度は、30~100 でが好ましい。

乳化重合で調製した合フッ震共重合体は、水性タイプの沿水沿油剤として使用することができる。 乳化剤は、適常の場合除かなくてもよい。水性タイプの沿水停油剤は、向記方法と同じ方法で適用することができる。水性タイプの沿水沿油剤は、水を含んでいるので、乾燥する時は 100~150 でに加熱するのが好ましい。

(1) 式の & がトリフルオロメチル基の含フッ 素アクリレートを単独預合する場合は、重合速度 の点でアニオン取合が好ましい。

アニオン頂合で使用することができる重合開始 削としては、例えばアルカリ金属、金属水衆化物、 ナトリウムアミド、グリニヤール試薬、金属アル キル、ピリジン等を挙げることができる。

アニオン重合で使用することができる溶媒としては、トルエン等の芳香族系溶媒、テトラヒドロフラン等のエーテル系溶媒等を挙げることができ

アニオン重合の頂合は、通常 I × 10 **** 程度 の商兵空下あるいは乾燥不抵性ガス雰囲気下で行う。重合温度は、通常-100 ~ 70 でである。

アニオン順合で製造した頂合体は、何記溶液低 合で製造した頂合体と同様の方法で被処理物品に 適用することができる。

本発明の頃水協油剤は、耐摩擦性の要求される 用途、例えばテント、シートカバー、傘、レイン コート、報、帽子、他、ジャケット、ジャンバー、 エプロン、プレザー、スラックス、スカート、着 物、カーペット、ソファー、カーテン等の各級固 体物質に頃水脂油性を付与するための処理に使用 することができる。

(実施例)

実施例1

200cc のガラス型アンブルに式: CRz=CF-COOC H,CF(CFz)OC,Fvで表わされる単単体 (以下、αF6 F0という。) 50g、グリンジルメタクリレート (以下、GHA という。) 4g、メタキンレンヘキサフルオライド (以下、α-XBP という。) 80gおよびアソビスイソブチロニトリル 0.5gを入れ、メタノール/ドライアイスを使用してフリーズーソー(freeze-thaw) 法で脱気・窒素パージを三回投り返したあと泊封した。

アンプルを50での恒温槽に30時間浸漉した。

その後、反応混合物を石油エーテル中にあけ、 沈殺した含フッ素重合体を乾燥した。52gの含フ った重合体を得た。

溶螺として a-XAFを使用し、温度35℃で測定した該重合体の (n) は、1.12であった。

元素分析の結果は、説素 30.2 %およびフッ素 54.4%で、前記単量体のほぼ全てが取合している ことがわかった。 得られた重合体を30重量%の n-XHP (溶解溶媒) 溶液にした後、この溶液をトリクロロトリフルオ ロエタン (売収溶媒) でさらに 0.5重量%まで消 収した。

前記希釈液を厚さ3mmのポリウレタン被覆不機 布からなる合成皮革(デュポン社製コルフェム) 上に脚毛で整布した後80でで30分間加熱し、接着 性試験試料を作成した。

该試料の作成直後と10.000回 120° 医仲慢作を 行った後の水およびn ヘキサデカンの接触角を測 定した。結果を第2表に示す。

実施例2~9および比較例1~3

単語体、集合体溶解溶線および密釈溶線として 第1度に示すものを使用し、実施例1と同様の優 作で扱着性試験状料を作成した。 試験結果を第2 数に示す。

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第 1 表

	単量体と 組成比 (更量)	(7)	语斯洛奴	无职按媒
灾旋例 2	∝ F6F0/ Ha/GHA = 66/30/4	0.98	■ - XHP	CB,CCl,
実施例3	α F6F0/ NA/GπA = 50/46/4	0.90	~	
夹旋例 4	α F6F0/ na/Gna - 28/77/5	0.91	•	,
实施例 5	α F17F/ CnS=70/ 30	0.5B	CC1:F- CC1F;	CCI.F- CCIF.
支施例 6	α F17F/ GNA-90/ 10	0.52	a-XHP	•
実施例 7	α P17F/ SA/17FA/ GNA-50/ 20/25/5	0.71	•	•
実施例	α Fil9F/ HA/GHA = 50/45/5	0.85	•	*
実施例 9	α Fil9F/ PGHA/HA /SHA+25/ 2/58/15	0.41	CR,CCI,	•

レン基である。)

SA : CH2-CHCOOC...H37

17FA : CH. CHCOOCH.CH.C.F.,

αFil9P: CR:=CFCOOCH:CH:(CF:CF:):CF(CP:):

EGHA : CH2-C(CH3)COO(CH2CR2O)3COC(CH3)-CH2

SHA : CH:-C(CH;)COOC;

17FMA : CH .- C (CH .) COOCH . CH . C. P . +

19FA : CH:+CHCOOCH:CH:C+F.+

α C) 17F: CH, +CC| COOCH, CH, (CP, CF,), CP, CF,

αC1119F: CH,=CC1C00CH,CH,(CF,CF,),CF(CF,),

LA : CH = CHCOOC, 2H : 5

第1段(統合)

	単語体と 組成比 (瓜丘)	(7)	治肝治は	农农济媒
実施例 10	αC17F/ SA/GHA - 60/35/ 5	1.25	m - XIIF	CH,CCI,
実施例 11	α C17F/ na/Gna - 70/25/5	1.30	•	CC12P- CC1F2
実旋例 12	a Clil9P /LA/GHA - 50/45/ 5	1.60		CB,CCI,
比較例 1	17FMA/SA /GMA = 50/45/5	0.35	CH2CC13	CC1 ₂ F- CC1F ₂
比较别 2	17FA/GHA -90/10	0.32	a - X11P	•
比較例 3	19FA/HA/ GHA -65/ 30/5	0.68	,	

第1 表において、単量体を示す各略号は、次の 単量体を意味する。以下、同意強。

MA : CH = CHCOOCH :

a F17F : CHz-CFCOOCHzCHz(CFzCFz) JCFzCFz

CMS : CM.=CR-Ph-CB:Cl (但し、Phはフェニ

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	接 触 角 (*) 作成直後/屈伸操作後				
	*	в- ヘキサデカン			
実施列 1	- 110/10B	74/52			
· 2	111/105	74/56			
~ 3	120/101	71/50			
- 4	116/100	66/48			
, 5	123/110	80/58			
- 6	122/115	80/52			
- 7	120/105	78/49			
- 8	108/102	75/50			
- 9	110/100	70/45			
- 10	118/105	76/49			
- 11	120/108	78/50			
~ 12	113/102	75/50			
比較例 1	102/73.6	68/15			
- 2	108/70	69/20			
- 3	106/71	69/19			

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実施例13および比較別4

これらシートの坡断強度とその時の伸び事を調べたところ、以下の通りであった。

実施例1の重合体(実施例13に当たる):

彼防強度 = 1.0 kgf/***

伸び率 - 300%

比較例3の重合体(比較例4に当たる):

破断強度 = 0.26 kg//mm2

伸び率 - 450%

实施例14

提件機、温度計、退流器および滴下ロートを備えた 3 ℓ の四つロフラスコに水 1.9 ℓ、アセトン 400 g、α F6 F0 300 g、 NA 19 g、 ECNA 1 g および乳化剤 (日本油脂製 N-220) 40 g を入れ、系内に窒素を吹き込み酸素を除いた。65 τの恒温槽に入れ、温度が一定になったところで、アゾビス

比較例5

単量体を 17FA 300 g、MHA 19g およびEGMA 1gに変更した他は、実施例14と同様の条件で重合および試験試料の作成を行った。重合体の (マ)は、0.38であった。

実施例14と同様の条件で洗濯前後の扱水性試験 と協油性試験を行ったところ、混水性は100°か ら70へ、協油性はNo.3からNo.0へ低下していた。 (発明の効果)

本発明の撥水線値割は、α位にフッ素原子、塩 素原子またはフッ素原子含有基を有する含フッ素 アクリレートを構成成分とする度合体からなるも のであるので、腹強度や缺処理物品に対する接着 性等が従来の撥水線値割に比べて優れており、洗 選挙に対して耐久性を有している。

以上

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イソプチロアミジン・塩酸塩 1.6 g を溶解した水 0.1 e を減下し、重合を開始した。 4 時間後、固形分12組畳外のディスパージョンを得た。一部をサンプリングして単量体組成と(π)を求めた。 単量体組成(真量外):α F6P0/NA/EGNA = 93.7 / 6 / 0.3 (元常分析:炭素 39.6 %およびファ素 55.0 %)、(π) = 0.68。

前記得られたディスパージョンをパッディング 信中で 0.5重量%になるように水で看駅した。ポ リエステル製布をパッディング浴に浸退し、絞っ て水を切った後、80でで3分間乾燥し、150 でで 3分間熱処理して試験試料を作成した。

この試料について、JIS L 1006の協水性試験と AATCC 118-19667 の協油性試験を行ったところ、 みゃ100°とNo.6の結果を得た。

同じ試料を家庭用電気洗濯機を使用し、浴止 1:50、洗刑 ザブ、温度40℃の条件で洗濯した 後、風乾し、140 ℃のアイロンをかるくかけ、再 び胸記両試験を行ったところ、各々100°とNo.5 の結果を得た。

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes:

Claims 1-26

No:

Claims

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims

No:

Claims 16-26

Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes:

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2. Citations and explanations

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following document: 1.

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Novelty

The claims 1-15 are novel (Art. 33(2) PCT). None of the documents cited in the search report describe a process as defined in the independent claim1. The claims 16-29 are novel (Art. 33(2) PCT). None of the documents cited in the search report describe a product as defined in claim 16.

Inventiveness of claims 1-16 2.

The claims 1-15 are based on an inventive step (Art 33(3) PCT).

The present application describes an alternative process for the production of encapsulated hydrophilic polymers to the one proposed in D1 with the advantage that the products are made in a one-step-process wherein no separation between the production of the core and the production of the shell is necessary.

The cited documents, even if combined, could not lead to the present process.

Inventiveness of claims 16-26 3.

- The disclaimer in claim 16 renders the claim new. However, the technical effect obtained by the restriction is not clear. Example 3 of the present application is out of the disclaimed range only because the amount of acid-functional monoethylenically unsaturated monomers is larger than 10 wt%. There is apparently no technical effect bound with this feature.
- 3.2 Example 2, which is presented as a comparative example, is in fact an embodiment of the invention according to claims 6 and 11. The non water soluble methyl methacrylate, which has a Tg > 30°C, is used in

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place of styrene. As a consequence:

- Example 2 is not a comparative example and a comparison with the prior art is not given by example 2.
- it is stated in example 2 that the raspberry-like structure is not obtained with MMA, so that it is not possible to obtain a different morphology as the encapsulated morphology in all cases. The possibility to obtain different latex morphology is therefore not confirmed.
- 3.3 Some alleged advantages, like the processability, are not clearly defined and seem to be subjective, so that a technical effect is not clearly defined.
- 3.4 Hence, from the description and the examples, it is not possible to say which technical effect is achieved for the product in the present application, in particular by the use of a semicontinuous instead of a continuous polymerisation that seems to be the distinguishing feature between the present application and the prior art (Art. 33(3) PCT).

The present claims 16-26 are apparently not based on an inventive step (Art 33(3) PCT).

The industrial applicability (Art 33(4) PCT) is obvious.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

It is clear from the description on page 11 I. 14-24 that the hydrophilic, ethylenically unsaturated monomer in claim 1 b) has to contain at least one acid functionality. This feature is essential to the definition of the invention.

Since independent claim 1 does not contain this feature, it does not meet the requirement following from Article 6 PCT taken in combination with Rule 6.3(b) PCT that any independent claim must contain all the technical features essential to the definition of the invention.

saturated (co)monomers, and at least one hydrophilic, ethylenically unsaturated (co)monomer in a quantity of about 5 to 30 wt. %, based on the total weight of the ethylenically unsaturated (co)monomers.

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It is important for the solution of the set problem, that the above-indicated parameters are respected. In particular, the glass transition temperature of the nonionic monomer must be above about 30°C. Preferably, the glass transition temperature of the nonionic monomer is between about 30 and 120°C, and in particularly preferred manner between about 50 and 110°C. This permits the setting of a high glass transition temperature of the polymer in the outer phase (shell), which contributes to the obtaining of a homogeneous distribution of the reactive groups present in the encapsulated, inner phase (core). On exceeding this Tg value, it is no longer possible to ensure a homogeneous distribution, particularly in the case of a large number of reactive groups.

The setting of the glass transition temperature Tg takes place in known manner by the choice and quantity of the monomers used. The weight fractions of the possible comonomers are chosen in such a way that the glass transition temperature Tg (midpoint temperature according to ASTM D3418-82) of the film formation of the redispersible particles produced leads to the desired, modifying action. The glass transition temperature can e.g. be measured by DSC methods or determined theoretically by calculations. In the present invention, the glass transition temperatures are calculated according to the Fox trial and error method (T.G. Fox, Bull. Am. Phy. Soc. (ser II) 1, 123 (1956) and Ullmann's Enzyclopädie der Technischen Chemie, vol. 19, 4th edition, Verlag Chemie, Weinheim, 1980, pp 17/18). Thus, for the glass transition temperature applies:

$$\frac{1}{Tg} = \frac{w_A}{Tg_A} + \frac{w_B}{Tg_B} + \cdots + \frac{w_n}{Tg_n}$$

swelling of the polymer particles. Suitable swelling agents include bases of all types.

The planned control of the characteristics profile of the substrates to be modified, i.e. the improved action by the added particles, is more effective in proportion to the fineness of the particles, i.e. it is particularly advantageous of the dispersed polymerizate particles have a particularly small diameter. As a result of the process control according to the invention, it is possible to produce in planned manner substantially monodisperse latex particles with corresponding particle diameters. In this context "monodisperse" means that the average particle diameter varies by about $\pm 10\%$. The average diameter of the latex particles is in a range of about 30 to 1000 and in particular about 50 to 600 nm.

The invention also relates to aqueous dispersions of latex particles having a heterogeneous morphology, obtainable by the above described process. According to a preferred embodiment of the invention the dispersion can comprise an aqueous dispersion 1 with one kind of latex particles and a further aqueous dispersion 2 with other latex particles. The weight ratio of dispersion 1 to dispersion 2 is preferably in the range of about 5:95 to 95:5, especially about 10:90 to 90:10, particularly about 20:80 to 80:20. Dispersion 2 can comprise an aqueous dispersion of homopolymers or copolymers selected from the group consisting of the monomers vinyl acetate, ethylene, vinyl versatate, acrylate, methacrylate, styrene and/or butadiene. This is only an exemplary listing and as a matter of course those skilled in the art know further monomers which can be used. By adding a further dispersion the properties of the dispersion according to the invention can be optimized accordingly.

The invention also relates to latex particles having a heterogeneous morphology, which are obtainable from the aqueous dispersion by corresponding removal of the water. The latex particles obtainable according to the invention have a het-

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Novel Claim 16

Aqueous dispersion of latex particles having a heterogeneous morphology, 16. obtainable according to a process according to at least one of the claims 1 to 15, wherein 0.1 % by weight to 10 % by weight, based on the total weight of the shell polymer, of an acid-functional monoethylenically unsaturated monomer is excluded in case the stabilizer used has no cationic functionality.

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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of latex particles having a heterogeneous morphology by a semicontinuous emulsion polymerization, comprising the emulsion polymerizing of ethylenically unsaturated (co)monomers, accompanied by the addition of cationic and/or anionic and/or nonionic emulsifiers and/or protective colloids as stabilizers, which are directly used as such or synthesized in situ, the semicontinuous emulsion polymerization being performed in the presence of the stabilizer or stabilizers with a monomer mixture, which a) contains at least one nonionic, ethylenically unsaturated monomer with a glass transition temperature Tg above about 30 °C in a quantity of about 10 to 70 wt.%, based on the total weight of ethylenically unsaturated (co)monomers and b) at least one hydrophilic, ethylenically unsaturated monomer in a quantity of about 5 to 30 wt.%, based on the total weight of ethylenically unsaturated (co)monomers.

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